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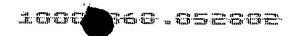
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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:
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INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION
WARNING: If the inventors are each not the inventors of all the claims, an explanation of the facts, including the ownership of all the claims at the time the last claimed invention was made, should be submitted.
My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below, next to my name. I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter that is claimed, and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:
TITLE OF INVENTION
ADJUSTABLE SPINAL BRACE



SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION

the specification of which: (complete (a), (b) or (c))						
(a) is attached hereto.						
(b) was filed on as Serial No or Express Mail No. (as Serial No. not yet known) and was amended on (if applicable).						
and was amended on(y applicable).						
Note: Amendments filed after the original papers are deposited with the PTO that contain new matter are not accorded a filing date by being referred to in the Declaration. Accordingly, the amendments involved are those filed with the application papers or, in the case of a supplemental Declaration, are those amendments claiming matter not encompassed in the original statement of invention or claims. See 37 CFR 1.67.						
(c) was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. PCT/SE00/00727 filed on 17 April 2000 and as amended on 13 August 2001 .						
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR						
I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.						
I acknowledge the duty to disclose information, which is material to patentability as defined in 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56,						
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and which is material to the examination of this application, namely, information where there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable Examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent, and						
in compliance with this duty, there is attached an information disclosure statement, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98.						
PRIORITY CLAIM (35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d))						

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.



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POWER OF ATTORNEY

I hereby appoint the following practitioner(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith (list name and registration number).

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Attached, as p	art of this declara	ation	and pow	er of	attorney,	is the authoriz	cation of	f the
above-named	practitioner(s)	to	accept	and	follow	instructions	from	my
representative((s).							

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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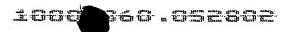
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I Eva WILLNER, hereby declare I am a citizen of Sweden residing at Remontgatan 50, SE-212 35 Malmo, Sweden and that I am executing and signing the declaration to which this is attached as heiress of the deceased inventor, Stig WILLNER.

That, upon information and belief, I aver those facts that the inventor is required to state.

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